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- K: Wells?
- S: Yes, Mr. Secretary.
- K: I never found out whether you want to go to Spain.
- S: I mean, I'm honored indeed.
- K: No, no, I'm joking.
- S: You catch me by surprise because...
- K: No, no, this is why I'm calling you.
- S: Yeah.
- K: I'm calling you to get you to start drafting a statement about Turkey I can make at the press conference. And the point that should be made is it should not be done only in the Greek-Turkish context, it should be done in context of the essential requirements of the relationship to Turkey for Western security, and that this relationship exists not as a favor to Turkey, but to because it has always been judged in the entire post-war period. That the security of Turkey was in the interest not only of the Mediterranean, but of all of Europe and of the Atlantic area. And for us now to give this up is a disaster for which Congress will be held fully responsible before history and the American people. Secondly, in addition it doesn't help the Greeks. Thirdly, you can state some principles which we will try to pursue in bringing about a Greek-Turkish solution. You can say we did not approve of all of the actions of Turkey. We know Turkey has to make concessions, but this is not the way to do it. Can you draft something?
- S: I will indeed. Yes, yes. But also just let me revert to the other thing that I'm in really quite overwhelmed, and extremely....
- K: No, no, you did an outstanding job and you're doing me a favor by going there.
- S: Well thank you very much.
- K: I was just pulling your leg, of course. I think Deputy Assistant Secretary is a more important job than Ambassador.

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S: So does Lorraine.

K: So you should consider yourself demoted.

S: Yes I do. [Laughter] O.K.

K: O.K. Will you draft this thing?

S: Yes I will.

K: Thank you Wells.

S: Thank you.

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